

Species 4 as shown by embodiment 4 in Figure 6;  
Species 5 as shown by embodiment 5 in Figure 7;  
Species 6 as shown by embodiment 6 in Figure 8;  
Species 7 as shown by embodiment 7 in Figure 11A;  
Species 8 as shown by embodiment 8 in Figure 12A;  
Species 9 as shown by embodiment 9 in Figure 13; and  
Species 10 as shown by embodiment 10 in Figure 14.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. However, for the purpose of being responsive to the instant Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the Species 2 as shown by embodiment 2, in Figure 2 with traverse. Applicants believe that claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19-23, 25, and 55 are either generic or drawn to provisionally elected Species 2.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the teleconference with Applicants' representative on December 21, 2004. As discussed, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement by the Examiner. Applicants believe that a more appropriate grouping would be as follows. A single search should suffice for examination of each of the following three groups and Applicants would like to elect Group I, if the Examiner is willing to revise the restriction requirement.

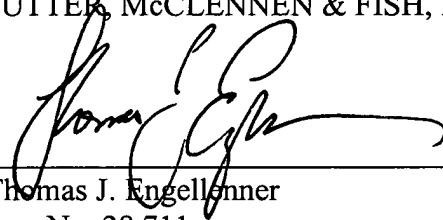
<u>Group No.</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Figures</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
I	Claims 1-17, 19-23, 25 and 55	Figs. 2, 3, 7, 11A	Apparatus comprising an applicator with at least one protuberance and at least one optical radiation source
II	Claims 18, 30, 39, 45-54 and 55	Figs. 13 and 14	Apparatus comprising a retrofit housing (e.g., snap-on) with at least one optical source
III	Claim 24, 26-29, 31-38, 40-44 and 55	Figs 1, 6, 8 and 12A	Apparatus comprising an applicator with no protuberances

Claim 55 is believed to be generic.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement by the Examiner in light of the above remarks and proposed Groups. Moreover, it would appear that a single search should suffice for examination of all of the species claimed in the present invention.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below so that any remaining issues can be discussed.

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